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Along with the entire nation, we were saddened and shocked by the evil that befell the children and parents of Newtown last December. It is hard, if not impossible, to imagine the fear and helplessness that these children and teachers experienced as evil swept the rooms and hallways of Sandy Hook. Without question, there must be an analysis of the event to perhaps find a solution to prevent such things in the future. Unfortunately, this solution is not likely to originate in Hartford.

A fine example of ineffective legislation is H.B 6656, a proposal that would require all Connecticut gun owners to carry liability insurance as a condition of gun ownership. Firearms liability insurance would not have denied Adam Lanza the capacity to look upon a six year old and pull the trigger. Nor will it prevent any criminal or mentally unstable person from inflicting harm upon another if that is their design. The only conclusion we can make is that legislation such as this is intended to place an additional and unnecessary burden on lawful and responsible gun owners in Connecticut. Furthermore, H.B. 6656 suggests that gun owners will, by default, commit a crime. Shall we expect liability insurance for possession of baseball bats, axe handles and knives next? If not, why not? Don't forget those vases!

We could, as is frequent, quote the Second Amendment. It is our experience that gun control advocates care little for that, so we will not waste the time here. It is worth speculating if the likes of Adam Lanza, Jared Loughner and Dylan Klebold would have opted for the Gold or Diamond protection plan.

Kind Regards,

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